

KCTCS PROGRAM APPROVAL AUTHORITY REAFFIRMATION

ACTION
Agenda Item F-2
November 13, 2000

Recommendation:

The staff recommends that the Council reaffirm the delegation of program approval authority to the Kentucky Community and Technical College System Board of Regents for all new certificate, diploma, and associate programs offered by the KCTCS technical and community colleges.

Background:

In April 1999, the Council delegated authority to approve new academic programs at technical and community colleges to the KCTCS Board of Regents effective until December 31, 2000. As part of the delegation, the Council established a "Timeline for Implementation and Review of KCTCS New Program Approval Authority." This timeline included a series of steps for the implementation, review, and audit of program approval policies at the KCTCS. The KCTCS developed four goals for the program-approval responsibilities as well as performance indicators to measure the efforts of the KCTCS to achieve those goals.

The KCTCS central office staff and the Council staff met in August 2000 to review and evaluate these obligations. As part of that process, the KCTCS staff submitted a packet of information about procedures, outcomes, and institutional, central office, and KCTCS Board of Regents Programs Committee member roles. The Council staff conducted an on-site review of program approval procedures and records and met with the chair of the KCTCS Board of Regents Programs Committee to assess the committee's role and its evaluation of the process. This review indicates that the KCTCS has fulfilled the expectations and requirements of the Council as established in April 1999. The KCTCS board members, institutional faculties and administrators, and the KCTCS central office staff have demonstrated the capacity to continue the responsibility for developing and approving academic programs.

The Council staff reviewed a 400-page notebook containing documentation of KCTCS compliance. This documentation is available for review upon request.

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